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GENEVA, July 14, 1852.

The annual meeting of the House of Convocation, held in Trinity Church, Geneva, at 9½ P. M., was called to order by the Secretary. On motion by the Rev. Dr. Metcalf, the Rev. ANDREW HULL was chosen Dean pro. tem.

The following members were present : Rev. C. H. Platt, John N. Whiting, Rev. Mason Gallagher, Wm. T. Gibson, Rev. Wm. A. Matson, Rev. Almon Gregory, N. Barrows, Rev. J. M. Clarke, Rev. Carlton P. Maples, Jonathan H. Child, Rev. William Paret, G. W. Watson, Albert S. Wheeler, Rev. Kendrick Metcalf, D. D., Rev. T. F. Wardwell, Rev. W. D. Wilson, D. D., Rev. T. M. Bishop, Rev. Andrew Hull.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Wilson, the reading of minutes was dispensed with. On motion of John N. Whiting, the reports of committees were deferred till the next day's session. The Treasurer's report was presented and read by Rev. Dr. Wilson ; and on motion of Rev. C. H. Platt, referred to an auditing committee of three ; the Dean appointing Rev. Messrs. Platt and Gregory, and Rev. Dr. Metcalf.

On motion of Mr. John N. Whiting, a committee of three was appointed, to nominate candidates for officers for the coming year. Rev. Drs. Wilson and Metcalf, and Mr. Whiting were appointed.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, from the Special Committee to confer

with the Trustees, made a verbal report, by way of information.

Mr. John N. Whiting offered the following :—

“ *Resolved*, That this House request the Board of Trustees to pass a statute, imposing an assessment of \$1, which will entitle a member to the privileges of the House.”

Being seconded by Rev. Mr. Platt, it was on motion by J. N. Whiting, laid on the table till to-morrow.

The House then adjourned to meet in the College Chapel at 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

WILLIAM PARET, *Sec'y.*

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1852, July 15th—COMMENCEMENT-DAY.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 A. M., in the College Chapel; there being present in addition to the previous list, Rev. Anthony Schuyler, Messrs. O. W. Belden, Albert L. Cotes and George W. Nicholas.

Rev. ANTHONY SCHUYLER was chosen Dean pro. tem. The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read, and after amendment, approved.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Wilson, *Resolved*, That a special committee of three be appointed to confer with the committee on Endowments, if any member or members of that Committee be in town, and if not, to report in their stead. The Dean appointed Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. C. H. Platt and J. H. Child.

The report of the Committee on College Examinations, was by request deferred till next session of the House.

The Committee of Nominees for Honors offered a verbal report.

Rev. J. M. Clarke of the Committee on the Library read the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be entered in the minutes.

### REPORT.

In the absence of the Chairman, J. M. Clarke of the Committee on the Library, would respectfully report:—That during the past year, fifty-seven volumes have been added to the Library, whose names and those of the donors are herewith submitted:

From Rev. DAVID H. MACURDY,

Chillingworth—Works.

Ecclesiastical History—Eusebius.

Acta Concilii Tridentini a Paleotto.

Bullinger on the Sacraments.

Thorndike on Church Government.

Homilies.

Bp. Douglass on the Miracles.

From the Author, Rev. Dr. KIP,

Early Conflicts of Christianity.

From CHARLES W. BABCOCK, Geneva,

God's Study of Medicine—5 vols.

Dr. Arnold's life and correspondence—Stanley.

From Rev. Dr. WILSON, Geneva,

Coleridge's Works.

Pearce's Longinus.

Trumbull's History of Connecticut—2 vols.

From the Author, JOHN A. PARKER,

The Quadrature of the Circle.

From Rev. Dr. McVICKAR,

New York Ecclesiologist—3 bound vols.

From EDWARD F. DELANCEY,

Revolutionary Incidents of Queens Co.

From ROBERT N. PARKE,

Jeremy Taylor—Ductor Dubitantium.

From the Senate of the UNITED STATES,

Life and Works of John Q. Adams—6 vols., 1st not issued.

From HON. W. H. SEWARD, U. S. Senate,

Patent Office Reports—3 vols.

List of Post Offices.

From the Department of ENGINEERS,

Register of the U. S. Military Academy, 1802 to 1850.

Purchased for the College,

Field on the Church—3 vols.

Heylyn—History of the Reformation—2 vols.

Strype—Memoirs of Abp. Cranmer—2 vols.

Book of Common Prayer, with Notes—2 vols.

Wood's Athenae Oxonienses—1st vol.

Proposed Book of Common Prayer for Ireland—3 vols.

12 vols.—to be 16 in all—Publications of the English Ecclesiastical History Society.

Purchased for the College,

Johnston's Physical Atlas.

From the Author,

Jared Spark's Reply on the Writings of Washington.

From the Author, WILLIAM WITHINGTON,

Growth of Thought.

From the Author,

Paine's Medical and Physiological Commentaries—3 vols.

Paine on the Soul, Instinct and Feeling—2 vols.

Paine's Materia Medica.

The condition of the Library in other respects remains as at the date of last year's report. All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) JOSEPH M. CLARKE.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Special Committee to confer with the Trustees, reported that they had procured the passage, by the Trustees, of three Resolutions in relation to the matters referred to them. On his motion, the Secretary was instructed to procure and enter upon the minutes, the resolutions referred to. They are as follows :

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hobart Free College, held at the College on the 14th day of July, the following Resolutions were adopted :



*Resolved*, That the Convocation created by the Statutes of Organization passed August 11th, 1848, be and hereby is authorized to take the name of "The House of Convocation of Hobart Free College at Geneva."

*Resolved*, That the word "Standing," occurring in the 3d, 4th and 5th Sections of the Statutes of Organization of the House of Convocation, passed August 1st, 1848, be stricken out, and the word "Executive" be inserted in its place, so as to read "Executive Committee," instead of "Standing Committee."

*Resolved*, That the House of Convocation, at any of its meetings, shall have the power to exclude, by ballot, from its meetings and all participation therein, any member who may have made himself obnoxious by notorious crime, immorality, or the inculcation of Infidel or Atheistical opinions; such exclusion to have effect until the matter can be brought before the Trustees of the College in due form of presentment, for their action thereon.

The House then adjourned to meet at 3 P. M., at Trinity Church.

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July 15th—3 P. M.

The House met at Trinity Church, pursuant to adjournment; whereupon Mr. John N. Whiting delivered the Annual Address.

After the Address, the House was called to order for transaction of business, by Rev. Anthony Schuyler, Dean pro. tem. Present, in addition to those before named, Messrs. P. M. Dox, E. F. DeLancey, H. A. Neely and Rev. Edward Livermore.

The Committee for Nomination of Officers, reported the following ticket:

For Dean—Rev. Henry Gregory, D. D., *Syracuse*.

" Secretary—George W. Nicholas, *Geneva*.

" Treasurer—Rev. W. D. Wilson, D. D., *Geneva*.

“ Executive Committee—Rev. Kendrick Metcalf, D. D., Rev. Walter Ayrault, E. F. DeLancey and W. T. Gibson.

On motion of P. M. Dox, the ballot was dispensed with, and the persons proposed unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr. Dox, it was *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be instructed to make such arrangements as to secure hereafter a more favorable time for the delivery of the Annual Oration.

Rev. C. H. Platt, from the Committee to audit the Treasurer's account, read the following :

The undersigned, a committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the House of Convocation, respectfully report, that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared the same with the vouchers, and find the same in all respects correct; leaving a balance in his hands due to the Library Fund of \$3,50; and due to him for expenditures for the Contingent Fund \$7,65.

C. H. PLATT, }  
A. GREGORY, } Committee.  
K. METCALF, }

Geneva, W. N. Y., July 15, 1852.

The Report as read was accepted.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The House of Convocation of Geneva College, in account with W. D. Wilson, Treasurer.

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|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1851.    |                                                                                             | Cr.     |
| Aug. 19. | By cash on hand for the Contingent Fund                                                     |         |
|          | as by settlement,                                                                           | \$9 56  |
|          |                                                                                             | Dr.     |
|          | To cash over paid on the Fund for the increase of the Library,                              | \$4 00  |
| 1852.    |                                                                                             | Cr.     |
| July 14. | By cash received from various members towards the Contingent Fund, as per Treasurer's Book, | 18 51   |
|          | Total for the Contingent Fund,                                                              | \$28 07 |

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| 1852.                                                                             | Dr.     |        |
| Jan'y 23. To cash paid for wrapping paper to send<br>off Journals,                | \$0 38  |        |
| Feb. 14. To cash paid for postage on the Journals,<br>as per Secretary's receipt, | 3 27    |        |
| May 4. To cash paid I. & S. H. Parker for printing<br>Journals,                   | 20 00   |        |
| July 7. To cash paid I. & S. H. Parker for balance<br>due for printing Journals,  | 12 08   |        |
|                                                                                   | <hr/>   |        |
| Total paid out,                                                                   | \$35 72 |        |
| Leaving due the Treasurer on the Contingent Fund,                                 |         | \$7 65 |
| 1852.                                                                             | Dr.     |        |
| Feb. 18. To cash paid for freight on Book sent the<br>Library, by R. N. Parke,    | \$0 50  |        |
|                                                                                   |         | Cr.    |
| July 14. By cash received from members for the Fund<br>to increase the Library.   |         | \$8 00 |
| Deduct the amount over paid last year,                                            | 4 00    |        |
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|                                                                                   |         | \$4 00 |
| Leaving a balance due the Library of                                              | \$3 50  |        |

July 14, 1852.

W. D. WILSON, *Treasurer*.

**Rev. Almon Gregory** from the **Committee on Election of Members**, read the following report :

The Committee on Election of Members, find the following persons to be eligible to membership of the House of Convocation under the Statutes of Organization, and respectfully recommend their election, viz:

Rev. Erastus Spalding, M. A.; Prof. John Towler, M. A.; Rev. William Walton, D. D.; Rev. Calvin Colton, LL. D.; Rev. Edward Livermore, M. A.; Rev. James A. Robinson, M. A.; George W. Field, M. A., M. D.; James B. Chase, M. A.; John H. Storm, M. A.

Signed,

ALMON GREGORY,  
HENRY A. NEELY,  
J. N. WHITING,

*Committee.*

The report was accepted and the persons proposed were unanimously elected members of the House.

Mr. E. F. DeLancey from the Committee on Endowments, read the following

### REPORT.

#### *First Annual Report of the Committee on Endowments.*

The Committee on Endowments respectfully Report: That during the past year *Five Endowments* have been consummated, the benefits of all of which the College is now reaping.

1. That of the Hobart Professorship of the Greek and Latin Language and Literature, upon a foundation of \$15,000, raised by private subscription.

2. That of the Trinity Professorship of Christian Ethics, Logic, Intellectual Philosophy and History, established by the Protestant Episcopal Society for the promotion of Religion and Learning, with a fund of \$15,000.

3. The General Endowment of \$3,000 per annum *in perpetuity*, by the venerable Corporation of Trinity Church, New York.

4. A Fellowship, established by John H. Swift, Esq., of New York, with a foundation of \$5,000.

5. The Horace White prize fund—a gift of \$500 by Mr. Horace White, of Syracuse, the interest of which is to be for ever applied to the procurement, annually, of a Gold Medal of the value of twenty-five dollars, and of a Silver Medal, of the value of ten dollars, as prizes for the two best original Essays by students of the College, on subjects to be assigned by the Bishop, the President of the College and the Senior Professor.

By the conditions of the General Endowment of \$3,000 per annum for ever, by Trinity Church, the name of the Institution has been changed from "Geneva College," to "Hobart Free College at Geneva;" and all charges for Tuition, Room Rent, &c., have been abolished, thus throwing open to all who may desire them, the benefits of a College Education—the liberalities of the latter of which acts, is without a parallel in the annals of Collegiate Institutions.

The Committee, in concluding their report, beg leave to express their grateful thanks to the donors of the above named endowments, and hope

that in another year they may be enabled to congratulate the House of Convocation upon the results of the examples which have been so generously set.

July 15th, 1852.

EDWARD F. DELANCEY.

NOTE.—In the absence of the other members of the Committee, the undersigned was permitted by the House to present the above, as the Committee's Annual Report.

July 15th, 1852.

EDWARD F. DELANCEY.

On motion by Rev. Dr. Metcalf, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this House be presented to John N. Whiting, Esq., for his able Address, and that a copy of said Address be requested for publication.

The House then went into an election of Orator for the next year, and on balloting, Rev. Charles H. Platt was chosen Orator, and Rev. Walter Ayrault substitute.

On motion by Mr. J. N. Whiting, *Resolved*, That that portion of the Bye-Laws referring to the publication of the Journal, be suspended; and that the publication be left to the discretion of the Treasurer and Secretary.

The House then adjourned.

ANTHONY SCHUYLER,

WILLIAM PARET,

Dean, *pro. tem.*

Secretary.

# OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF CONVOCATION, FOR 1852-3.

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REV. HENRY GREGORY, D. D., Dean, *Syracuse*.  
GEORGE W. NICHOLAS, B. A., Secretary, *Geneva*.  
REV. W. D. WILSON, D. D., Treasurer, *Geneva*.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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REV. CARLTON P. MAPLES, M. A.  
REV. WILLIAM PARET, M. A.  
DAVID L. CLARK, M. A.

### *On Nominees for Honors.*

REV. ANTHONY SCHUYLER, M. A.  
G. C. FOOT, M. A.  
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### *On Endowments.*

REV. WM. A. MATSON, M. A.  
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REV. CHARLES WELLES HAYES, M. A.  
JOHN WICKS HEYWOOD, M. A.  
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N. B. The Certificate of any one of the above Examiners entitles the bearer to admission to the Freshman Class in the College, at the beginning of the College year.









## TREASURER'S NOTICE.

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The Members of the House of Convocation of Hobart Free College are hereby notified, that in accordance with the Bye-Laws, each member is required to pay into the Treasury the sum of Fifty Cents per annum, towards defraying the contingent expenses of the House.

And likewise, that by rule adopted Aug. 20, 1850, each Member of the Convention is requested to pay into the hands of the Treasurer, annually, the sum of One Dollar or more, to be appropriated to the purchase of Books for the Library of Hobart Free College.

W. D. WILSON,

*Treasurer House of Convocation.*

Geneva, July 15, 1852.

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